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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 28, with the following redlined paragraph:

Fig. 5 shows an “11-bp deletion” region in the last exon of the swine Mx1 gene (SEQ ID NO: 11), and nucleotide sequences of a primer pair to be used for amplifying the region.

Please delete the section of the application entitled “Sequence Listing” immediately after the section of the application entitled “Abstract” on page 25 and insert the enclosed Sequence Listing therefore.